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Congratulations to **Rodney Prince** and **Steve Valley** for passing **International Code Council examinations this week**. Rodney passed the Fire Inspector II exam and Steve passed the Residential Energy Inspector/Plans Examiner exam. **Passing an ICC examination is a significant personal and professional accomplishment**. Obtaining a new ICC certificate also demonstrates a confirmed commitment to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. **Bravo, Rodney and Steve, for your achievement. Thank you for your work to obtain these important certifications. Thanks for your dedication to your profession, to public service and to our City.**

Below are the details of a customer survey that was completed on our website where **Captain David Kolak, Engineer-Paramedic Michael Henderson, and Firefighter-Paramedic James Gambill** were complimented for their performance on a recent incident.

*Here is what the customer wrote, "We called 911 and they dispatched the men to help us. They arrived promptly and without the siren and flashing lights (as we had requested to the 911 operator). My wife had fallen and needed help getting up. The three first made sure she was not injured. Then they carefully lifted her to her feet and assisted her to a chair. They made sure she was o.k. before they left. They were very professional, helpful and friendly. **My wife and I have renewed respect for the service that this department provides.** Unfortunately we did not get the names of the three men. Funny, my little 5' 1" wife said "They were so big"! I think she may stage another fall just to get them to come back. Just kidding, of course, but **we both are so appreciative of the help we received yesterday. Many thanks to all!"***



Last night kicked off the **9th Citizens Government Academy**. This **8-week course teaches citizens about the inner workings of each of our departments**. On Saturday, members of the class, along with a few candidates from the upcoming election, will tour several of our facilities. Thanks to all of our employees who will be assisting in this program and especially to **Monique McCullough** for overseeing this academy from its inception eight years ago! To the left is a picture of the first class to graduate the Citizens Government Academy in Spring of 2004.

Are you ready for some United Way Kickball? It's time to start getting your teams ready for the September 30th event at **Fieldstone Park Ball fields from 9am to 1pm.**

See your department manager or United Way representative about setting up a team. There is also a rules and roster sheet attached. We had a lot of fun last year, with our Water Management Department (pictured right) being the in-house winner out of seven teams. We have opened it up to nearby localities to play. Also set as another fund raiser is a 5K at The Park at Harlinsdale on November 12. More details on both to come soon.



Sarah Glen of the Franklin Fire Dept. and Brad Wilson of Facilities Management have been working the last couple of months setting up and checking the **City's AED units** located around the city in different offices. I believe most offices currently have within their grasp or nearby at a central station. Now the fun part we want to set up **training and proper use of the devices not only regarding AED's but also CPR techniques to be used in conjunction with the unit.** The training dates are set up for **September 14, October 5, November 16, December 7 at 1:00 in the City Hall training room.** We feel that as many that want to attend should but at least 3 to 5 from each department. The site can be reached by holding the "CTRL" button and clicking on <http://inside/administration/training/default.aspx> go to the column on the left and click on **UPCOMING COURSES** and go the calendar month and date that best suits yourself. The class will be open to 20 attendees per date and if the courses fill up we will look to add more.



On Wednesday **Firefighter-Paramedic Nick Darnell** who is a car seat technician installed three car seats for newborn triplets (see photo). The babies are still in the NICU but their parents came by to have the seats installed because they are preparing to bring them home. **Franklin Fire and Police Departments will be offering child car seat checks on Saturday as part of the Disaster Preparedness Fair at Sodium, 1725 Columbia Ave., from 1 – 4 p.m.** This **FREE** event will include an emergency services **"Touch a Truck"** event featuring a **LifeFlight landing at 3 p.m., a "Bubble Bonanza"** – a fire truck will spray bubbles for kids of all ages to play, and classes, demonstrations and information on how to prepare yourself and your family for a natural disaster or other emergency.

BNS's Jimmy Mangrum is the winner of the Mayor's parking spot next week! **Gary Luffman, nominated Jimmy.** Gary said, *"Jimmy was recently investigating a few property maintenance issues in one of our neighborhoods when an elderly woman came to her front porch and started asking him questions about problems on adjoining properties. After a small discussion, he ask her why a large tree limb which had fallen off a tree on the rear of her property had not been brought to the front of her property for pick up by the city. Her response was she had no one to drag it to the street and it was*

too hard for her due to her age. Jimmy immediately went to the rear of the property and brought it to the front of her property for pick up. The lady was very grateful."

Jimmy will begin parking in the Mayor's spot on Monday, August 29-September 2. **If you see someone doing a good job, nominate them at agoodjob@franklinton.gov.**

Have a nice weekend Thank you for all you do.

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